The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 24th day of March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Criminal settlements at Kavali.

496 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI Avargal: To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member—

(a) to give the names of the "missions" to which contributions of Rs. 33,000 are given every year for maintaining the criminal settlements at Kavali;

(b) to state the number of men and women that ran away from the Kavali settlement who were subsequently arrested, prosecuted and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for the offence of running away under the Criminal Tribes Act, and the number of people sentenced for repetition of such offences during the last three years; and

(c) to state if it is a fact that men and women who had run away on the ground of ill-treatment and insufficient wage, were sent back after their imprisonment was served to the same agents at Kavali.

A—(a) The Kavali settlement is under the sole management of the American Baptist Telugu Mission.

(b) The following is the information available with the Government :—

Year.	Number absconding.		Number sent to jail.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1917	49	16	32	11
1918–19	217	69	123	41
1919–20	164	70	178	74

Out of those sentenced to imprisonment, there is no information as to the number of people sentenced to rigorous imprisonment or for repetition of the offences referred to.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

Collapse of two bridges in South Kanara.

497 Q.—Rai Sahib E. C M. MASCARENHAS Avargal: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government if it is a fact that two bridges on the Padubidri-Karkal and Mani-Uppinangudi roads in the district of South Kanara collapsed long ago and that the fact that they have not yet been rebuilt causes inconvenience to the public; what the cause of delay is and when they will be rebuilt.

A.—The Government have no information.